

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the Abstract with the following amended Abstract.

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE DISCLOSUTE

A guide wire includes ~~a wire member having~~ a first wire disposed on the distal side of the guide wire~~[[,]]~~ and a second wire disposed on the proximal side ~~from the first wire~~. The second wire ~~is made from a material having~~ has an elastic modulus larger than ~~that of the first wire~~. ~~For example, the first wire is made from a superelastic alloy, and the second wire is made from a stainless steel.~~ The first wire is joined to the second wire at a welded portion by welding. A coil is disposed on the distal side ~~from~~ of the first wire. A cover layer is formed on the outer peripheral surface of the wire member in such a manner as to cover at least the welded portion. The cover layer is made from a material capable of reducing the friction of the cover layer, for example, a fluorocarbon resin or a hydrophilic material, to thereby improve the sliding performance of the guide wire. Such a guide wire is excellent in operability and kink resistance.